

Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Examiner	Art Unit
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1. This communication is responsive to the RCE filed on 10/26/2007.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 6-19.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

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(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

ALLOWANCE

1. This Allowance is responsive to the amendment filed on October 26, 2007. Applicant's arguments to independent claims 1, 10, 14, and 17 on pages 7-8 of the Remarks have been considered and Examiner is persuaded by the Applicant's arguments.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reasons for allowance of claims 1, 10, and 17 in the instant application are the combination with the inclusion in these claims that there is the limitation of "...a memory module is present in the computer system but isolated wherein, using the memory subsystem's redundancy, transactions that target said isolated memory module can complete without loss of data and without accessing said isolated memory module, and while isolated, said memory module is tested by one of a system management interrupt (SMI) handler...".

The primary reasons for allowance of claim 14 in the instant application are the combination with the inclusion in the claim that there is the limitation of "...a means for isolating a newly inserted memory module so as to preclude an operating system from causing data to be written to or read from said newly inserted memory module, yet completing transactions targeting said newly inserted memory module using redundancy of the memory subsystem, and for testing said memory module."

According to 35 USC 112, 6th paragraph (means plus function), wherein the function to perform the limitation above is "a SMI routine" found on paragraph 0018,

lines 19-24, wherein "a system management interrupt permits a processor to run code without the involvement of the operating system. As such, a SMI routine may be implemented as a memory diagnostic test. The diagnostic SMI may access the isolated memory module via the addressable region which may be mapped via hardware to an addressable region which corresponds to the isolated memory."

In light of the reason set forth, claims 1, 10, 14, and 17 are allowable. All claims that are depending from claims 1, 10, 14, and 17 directly or indirectly are allowable for at least the same reason noted above.

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Conclusion

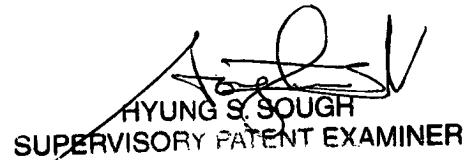
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh D. Vo whose telephone number is (571) 272-0708. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Reginald G. Bragdon can be reached on (571) 272-4204. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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